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Tamako is back living with the Inui family, and she has finally managed to confess her true feelings to Kanji Inui, her crush of 10 long years. Kanji himself, however, seems mostly unaffected. As the seasons change, Kanji's feelings toward Tamako stay the same. Will he quench her thirst for his love?

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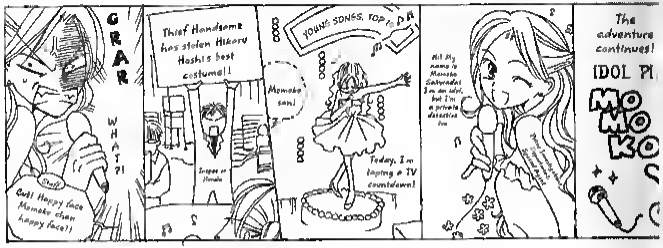
Do you understand, Tamako? Mommy's working really, really hard so we can all live together again. Just be patient a little longer!

Okay!

They saw each other a few times a year, and made the same promise each time. Until...



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Pearl Pink CHARACTER INTRODUCTIONS

KANJI INUI (11TH GRADE)

His family owns Dog Run, a small boutique talent agency. He's a genius at finding new faces and a whiz with domestic chores, from cooking to doing makeup.

KANTA

Tamako's pet and best friend.

TAMAKO MOMONO (8TH GRADE)

Secret child of popular idol/actress Shinju Momono. She's currently living with the Inui family and has a crush of galactic proportions on Kanji. Limber and athletic as a monkey.

SHINJU MOMONO

Tamako's mother and a famous idol/actress. Her real first name is "Mako." Star of the mega-hit TV drama "Idol P.I."

RAIZO HISHIKAWA

Member of the boy band Rain. Scouted by Kanji and hence has pledged his life to pleasing the man who gave him success.

KINICHI INUI

Chief owner of the tiny Dog Run talent agency, in addition to being Kanji's father. A wacky, but nice, middle-aged guy.

Catch the beginning of the story in *Pearl Pink* Volume 1, currently on sale from TOKYOPOP!

Actress Shinju Momono (almost 30) Oldest-than she looks! Has a daughter.
Yay! I get to be cut up!
Dreaming of a Real Christmas!
Everyone should prepare an act. Even you!
That's not a very traditional holiday celebration...
I'm going to perform the deadly illusion, "Idol Shinju Momono-- Cut in Half Before Your Very Eyes!!!"
Get used to it!
Dog Run's Owner Kinichi Inui (44) Libertine

...making me a secret best kept hidden. We've always lived apart.
My mom was a teenager when she had me. Then she got famous...
She'd cry if she had a mean say this but
...I think it's been for the best. Why? Well...Im actually pretty happy with the way things are Why? Um...
Hey, I found the decorations for the tree...
KOFF KOFF
Isn't it exciting? Our first Christmas together!
Taaaamako♡

I mean, Tamako Momono, soon to be fourteen years old...
...currently lives with the Inui family, owners of the small talent agency called Dog Run. It's complicated.
You know it'
And, for once, it looks like everybody's schedule is open this Christmas Eve.
You know what that means? We're going to par-tay!! A Dog Run Christmas Eve Bash!

...ten long years later...

...when the promise was fulfilled.

12月 December

It's...

7th published manga volume Woo!

Hello everyone! This is Tanaka Tarr. Pearl Pink volume 2 is now officially underway. Yay! The story took a bit of time to get going in volume 1 but it should be picking up lots of steam from here on out. So don't miss it!

This time around I have six of these "freetalk" spaces to fill up. Hmm. What to write, what to write? You know, I have no idea. I guess I'll just write whatever pops into my head when the time comes. Feel free to give them a read if you've got nothing better to do.

I've got some space left over so I'm going to doodle. Tee hee hee!

Me: The Beautiful Version ...that's "beautiful"?!

I've been so happy ever since I got up the nerve to tell Kan-chan I loved him.

Should I wear something holiday themed to the party?

Yeah. Don't worry about it.

I'll make absolutely sure you look perfect.

☆ Kenji Inui Addi'onal Data ☆ His raison d'être is making girls look beautiful

BWA HA HA HA!

Hmm. What should Hiko wear? Something short frilly and white. Put your hair in pigtails. Bring out the glitzy makeup. Dress it with lots of ribbons. It'll look so cute on her!

GYAAAAAH!!! YOU'RE SCARING ME!!!

However...

Kan-chan doesn't seem like he could care less.

I wanna help decorate!!

Woo-hoo!

(Walk!)

God, it's been ages since we hung them up.

...buried in the back of the closet.

POFF

Kenichi's son Ken! (??) The responsible one.

DECORATIONS

It's like...

...

...well, y'know.

Can you blame me?

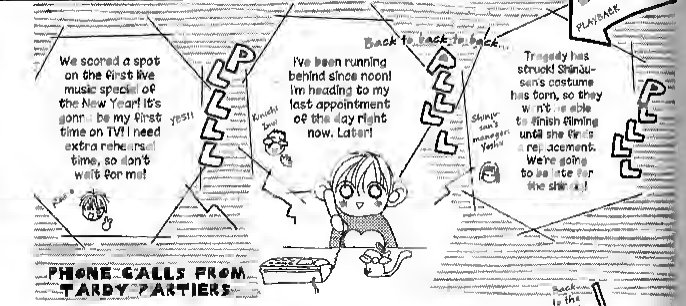
Yes.

Can I have my hands back now?

.....

SOMETHING ODD IN THE AIR...
La la!
Tee hee!
Aye aye sir!
Clean this up!
It's not Christmas yet!
A party with everyone!
It's going to be so much fun!!
Take that off!
Good night!

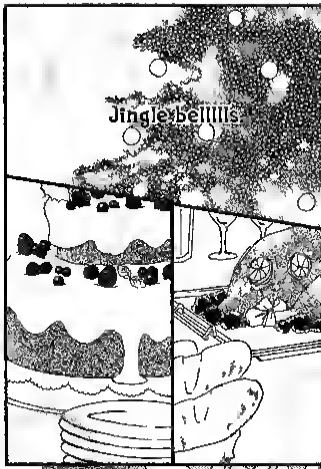
Hello there, lovely lady...
My, what a beautiful voice you have.
Would you care...
We never did anything like this at Granny's place!
Ahhh! I can't wait!
Where Tomoko grew up
Yes!!!
Best Buds
You will?!
...to sing a duet with me?
Or KYA!


We scored a spot on the first live music special of the New Year! It's gonna be my first time on TV! I need extra rehearsal time, so don't wait for me!
yes!!
Kinda busy!
I've been running behind since noon! I'm heading to my last appointment of the day right now. Later!
Shinju-san's manager. Yoshi!
Back to back to back...
PLAYBACK
Tragedy has struck! Shinju-san's costume has torn, so they won't be able to finish filming until she gets a replacement. We're going to be late for the shoot!
PHONE CALLS FROM TARDY PARTIERS

GRAWR!
Yeah, what's your excuse?!
Tamako?
Back to the present

"Idol ☆ I." Cosmetics Artist Ms. Golou
Yikes! Off to the emergency room!
I cut my right hand!
You should use a safety blade, not a straight razor!
I just dropped off Shinju-san's costume.
She had a spare
But now they're asking me to help with makeup, so...
Oh! Hey, Kan-chan!
Hey.

Jingle bellllls...
Jingle bellllls...


Jingle bellllls...

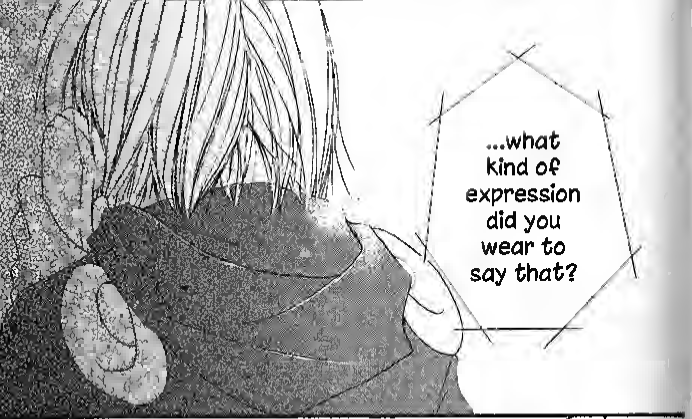
Shake it!
Everyone's gone ah-wayyyyyy-!♪
Lyrics by, 〈Tamako Momono〉
30 Minutes Ago
12/24 6:30PM Inui House, Party Central

Coming this Spring!! The "Idol P.I. Momoko" two-hour special!
SPRING SPECIAL
Momo and Momoko and Their Handsome
Dressing Room A
"Idol P.I. Momoko" Spring Special Cast Dressing Room
Aoyama Studios
You should hurry home Kanji-kun. Finish up and go!
I'm so sorry Tamako
Why can't these productions ever stay on schedule?
...Kanji-kun?
I'll get him this time!
Up we go!
Ta-ta for now!
Okay then! See you soon!
I shouldn't be later than 8:00, but go ahead and get started, okay?
...Tamako?

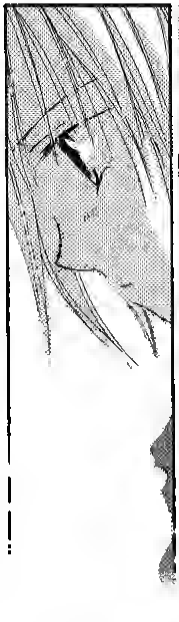
I know she put a lot of effort into appearing happy.
The irony was, that grin made me even more lonely for my daughter.
You can make her wait forever, she'll never get angry.
The few times I visited her, she always had a big, bright smile on her face when I left. "I'll be waiting," she'd say.
I don't want to make her wait anymore.
And neither should you, so hurry up and--
Hold still, dammit!
Switch back ON
GAH!!!
WAAAH!
And so the flipping of Kenji's ON/OFF switch continued
YOWCH
SWITCH ON
-Kan--
Hold still!! You're screwing up my work!
How dare you speak to your elders that way!
AAAAH!!
Reality Check KICK!!!
You don't think?
Not that she'd say if she was mad.
Oh...
Nnn.
Tamako was always stoic, even as a child.
Did you talk to Tamako? Did she sound mad?
Returned to sanity
Nope.
She was cool
She's probably having loads of fun with Dad and Raizo. I bet it's insane there!

Dad?
What the--?
Oh hello!
Is Shinjû-san still working, too?
Oh dear
I heard Raizo hasn't made it to the party yet, either.
Go ahead...
Hello?
Tamako! I'm sorry!
Huh? Kan-chan?
Ehhh!!
Is not!
Whew!
You're powered by love, aren't you, Kanji-kun?!
"...and get started, okay?"
It's almost 9:30. We'd better hustle, t--
Tamako's all by herself...
Hup!

Bring it on!!
Half an hour! I will shoot the rest of the Spring Special in just one half hour!!
Makeup and prep DONE
Perfect!
Momako-san, you're on!
Hang on, Tamako! I'm coming!!
Whew!
Uhm... Her dog...?
Oh, okay
Huh?
Kanji-kun. What are you doing here?
Are you coming to our party, Yoshii-san?
No, thanks.
Oh...
We're just about done. The remaining stuff can handle any touch-ups.
Thanks


...what kind of expression did you wear to say that?

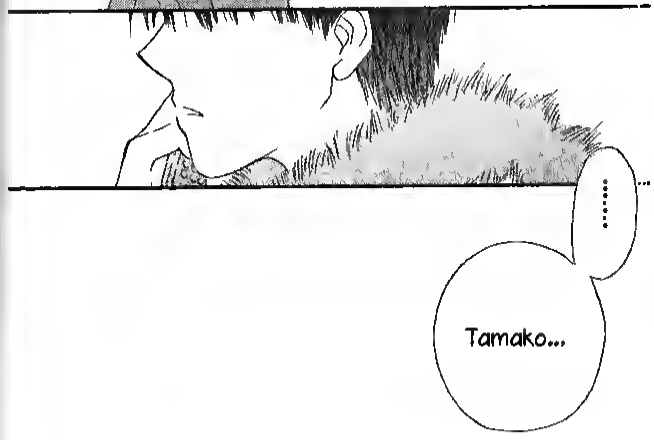
I was just...
Like I can be sad in a house with an Xmas tree!
BTAM



KLIK
Huh? Why would he ask me that?

I'm used to this kind of thing.

What's with the sudden apology?
You're all by yourself, right?
I'm on my way right now, so--
Oh, that's okay. No hurry.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Tamako...

Shuriken Maracas!!!
Wicked!
I didn't know you guys were getting cozy enough for pranks.
Hmm?
Strange voices... strange smell...
I don't know these people.
Didn't ring the doorbell...
Two males.
Tamako Ultra Special Attack!
...INTRUDERS!!!
Ding
RESULT
thump
thump

Hey, where is everybody?
You're Tamako-chan, right?
We've already heard all about you, so there are no secrets here, okay?
The bosses said it was okay.
So cute!
Oh...
Wait!...
Everybody is running a little behind...
Come on, Raizo. Let the girl get up.
Nuh-uh. Not yet! ♪ I'm having too much fun.
Evil Raizo
Aw, kid.
Ooh, he's mean!
Are we really the first to arrive? I guess it's better'n being last!
SHOMP
Hisame! What's your damage? You can't eat the whole thing!
MORON!!
But it first!
Oh, I see.
You've been waiting patiently this whole time?
That's so sweet.
...Huh?

Have you met the other guys in Rain?
コーン
...
Let's try this again ...
Um...I'm Yukiya.
You know me, I'm Raizo! ♡
And this is Hisame.
Ta-da! Rain falls on Tamako at last!
...he says while making her kneel before him.
Never mess with an idol's face.
Ow...
Sorry?

Now what do I do?! He's too nice!! I-I can't...!
Oh my gosh!!
Why? It's okay to let your feelings out.
Sometimes it's healthy to cry.
Pretend you didn't see! Please!
GAAAAH!
Ooh, this looks like fun!
That's right, Tamako-chan. You must've been lonely, having to sit and wait for everyone else.
Sarcastic sage!
Let it all out. You'll feel better.
Natural gentleman
ARGH. RAIZO! QUIT IT!!!
But I don't want to cry!

Tears?
It's not his fault. It was just so quiet...
...and now you guys are here...and gosh...
Sniff
It's this is so embarrassing
...crap!
Yukiya made her cry!!
No! It wasn't him!
I did?!
Me?!
Crying

I became an actress like Mom. My role was waiting.
I was the one who orchestrated all the exits.
...so frustrated.
I felt that if I ever let any sorrow show, I'd become that kid that everyone pitied.
And when they came home, my stage directions were...
What do you mean, you're "used to this kind of thing"?!
Don't be stupid!!
I was just...

...and everyone that loved me.

...to greet them with a smile.

Not just Mom, but everyone I ever loved...

Oh...
I've gotta wake up. The whole family's here!
AAH!!! Whadda yau shink yau're doin' w'my daughter?!
You sure are lovey-dovey *thick* for a Christmas Eve chimney sweep...
Here come Santa!
Romantic souvenir (dance)
Ooooh!
Can I watch?
Sickos!
I'm just putting her ta bed!
The party's just getting started.
But...
There
Wah ha ha ha!
Hmph
Kanji-kun... Kanji-kun! Let her sleep!
Little brat! I'll catch cold sleeping out here.
Hup!
Sleep in your bed.
How dare she fall asleep with that dumb outfit on?! What about her special Christmas Makeover?!
Damn monkey girl!!!
Go dress up Hisame instead!
Wake up!! Or I'll wake you up!!
* Shiji Daman

...I'm still so very happy.

ALL RIGHT!!
Time for the Drunken Magician's Red Xmas Magic Show!! Shinju-san, prepare for slicing!
This is going to be so great!!
Quiet down! You'll wake up Tamako!
What, done already, Kanji? That was fast.
Hisame! C'mere a sec!
You've such a dirty mind!
ACK! Be careful, that's my hand!!
o.?

Post-Makeover Hisame
30 minutes later
You bet he is!
I think he's mad.
Sigh... Completely burned out

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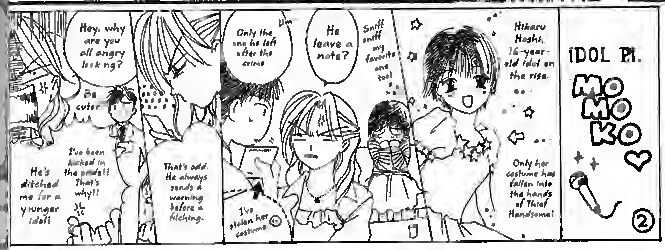
Nuh-uh! Leave me alone!! I can do my hair myself!
Quit screwing around and get over here!!
ばたばたばたばたばた

Today's the start of a new semester.
ぬん
Tamako.
N-no...!!
Chcop.
chcop

Not even a new year can bring changes to the Inui house.
MEANIE!!
Like hell you can! You've got man hands! You can't even make rice balls smaller than a phonebook!!
Romantic Comedy like? Stupid!
Yaaawn! This isn't romantic at all!!
Hey, Raizo-kun.
I didn't know you were here.
Morning!
Hold still
Waaah! His fingers everywhere!
Cold
Aaah, what a lovely, romantic-comedy-like morning. Isn't it wonderful?
It may be cold in here, but I'm toasty warm!
My mom has been really busy, though.
Not in this chapter!
Tamako!


Hey, why are you all angry look ng?
So cute.
He's ditched me for a younger idol!
I've been dumped in the prime!! That's why!!
That's odd. He always sends a warning before a filching.
Only the one he left after the crime
He leave a note?
Sniff sniff my favorite one too!
It's stolen hair costume!
Hikaru Hoshi, 16-year-old idol on the rise.
Only her costume has fallen into the hands of Thief Handsome!
IDOL PI.
MOMOKO
②

Cont. in pg 71...

You had a bun in your head, right? It looked so delicious, I couldn't resist!
What did you do that for?!
YEOWCH!!
Raizo used to be just another loser street punk, but then Kan-chan gave him a chance at a new life.
Hmm? Did my prepping inspire this?
!!!
Dammit, Raizo! Now I gotta redo the whole thing!
Wait a minute! Is that all you're going to yell at me about?!
Mmmm! Tasty bun! ♡
STAB
Raizo looks weird!
Thanks, Hmm...
Morning, Raizo!
I'll return your CD later today!
Raizo-sempai, good morning!
Morning practice? Keep it up!
Morning, Raizo!
Morning!
You sure are popular.
You'd think "Raizo" and "serious" would never meet in the same sentence...
...but he's actually very serious about his debt to Kan-chan.
Mmm, I should omit the monkey part.
You're cold. You're lucky you've got Leon to keep you warm.
You're cold.
All by yourself, first thing in the morning...
That's dedication! You'll kill 'em on "Music 7."
Bathroom?
I was practicing in your dance studio.
Good morning!
Raizo and his boyband Rain are gearing up to be on a massive live TV broadcast.
rain
Hair in a bun.
Yummy!
Here, breakfast!
Hmm...
So this is what the CD is going to look like.
.....

Oh, that's too bad.
Never mind that. This is the third floor! You dummy, get down!
Is Rain having popularity issues?
In a word: YES!
Momma-san? Re-tie your ribbon.
Yuuki
--Next door Marugoshi High School--

Tamako!
Come here a sec'.
Oh her usual dreamy self.
Here! Have this! And some of this!
Don't feed the monkey!!
Wait, what!
Feral child
Hey, Tamako-chan! What's up?
Want some strawberry candy?
Sakuraya's most popular candy!
Nice
Please!

Hey!
Raizo, quit lying.
Tamako, don't be so gullible.
Yep! It's pretty easy. If you want to do it, just slut around with everybody the way I did!
Huh?!
Really?!
Since Raizo's so popular...
I'm going on ahead
...then Rain must be blowing up!

One boy goes to our school, right?
Tamako-chan, your ribbon's crooked
Rain? Yeah, I've heard of them. A trio right?
YES!
Your ribbon's real wrong.
Forget Rain! Kanmaru rules!
Another popular student idol
--Marugoshi Junior High School--
You put your hair up today? Nice.
Never heard of them.
BLUNT

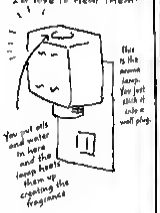
DAILY LIFE

My current lifestyle doesn't lend itself to outdoor activity and I find myself cooped up inside more often than not. Depending on the day I can become a real grump.

Nice weather ticks me off!

So to hopefully remedy this I've gotten into aromatherapy. When I'm working, I'll mix some rosemary and lemon oils and add them to a little aroma lamp I plug into the wall. This refreshing, invigorating scent appeals to me quite a bit. When I am ready to sleep, I put a dash of lavender potpourri by my pillow.

I did a little research on the subject...and it turns out there are loads of different scents out there with all sorts of different effects. Its fascinating! If you have any suggestions for good combinations... I'd love to hear them!


You put oils and water in here and the lamp heats them up creating the fragrance
This is the aroma lamp. You just stick it into a wall plug.

Whoa. When did the scary dude get nice?
Remember him?
Ah, puppy love...
Hold still.
Must he be so open?
It's so sweet. I'm getting cavities!

Mumble
I'm really gonna have to work hard if I'm going to catch up.
Is this from a TV show?
Yep.
Look at all your groupies!
Wow!
Whoa! Hisame-kun is spinning fast!
Yeah, both he and Yukiya are awesome break-dancers.
.....
What's the big deal? I've watched before!
In Step 3
OWH OWH OWH LEGGO!!
You're such a little stalker! My practices are private, my little peeping tomette.
Besides, I wasn't peeping. I was getting a Rain video!
Hasider I'm practically an orphan
Munch
.....Oh.
Yeah. Why not?
One of our videos?
Is he shy?
?
Whoa!
Not rewound!
00:02

Z Z Z Z Z
Video's still running
Er...I don't know.
How can you not know?
I...um... sorta fell asleep in the middle of it.
どーん
Okay... then watch this instead.
It's for their new single.
rain
ガーん
Are you sure you aren't just sleepy?
N-no! Look, they have great harmony, all three. Even the routine, not just the singing!
Hey!
Aack!!!
Stay awake and watch, then!
But... but...
CAH!!
I just pressed play!
2F LIVING ROOM
What did you think of the video?
Kinda my fault
How is that?
Is he being all secretive again? Jerk!
Phone!
um...
What the heck are you doing?
What?
What?

Originally, Rain had only two members: Yukiya and Hisame.

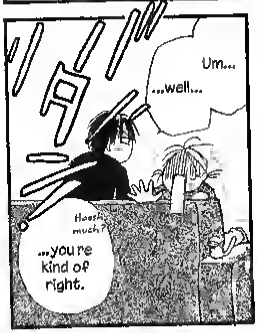
Trend Antennae
About two years ago
"Look, I'm no freaky stranger, I'm just going to give you something to eat. You want Udon noodles or rice porridge?"
It was around then that I saw Raizo in town. He'd just gotten beaten up, and I brought him home with me.
ずんずんずんずん

"Right. Now eat."
どーん!
"Um... udon..."

They could both sing, they could both dance No question. Their debut was problematic, though and the band almost fell apart
Has pride in his craft
While I really love dancing I'm not very good at having to act it's -by Yukiya
Interview?

It's Raizo! On the TV, he's just so...so... BORING!!!
TEA

Creak

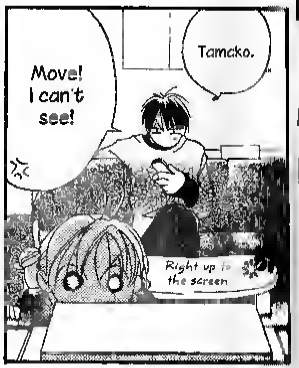

Um...
...well...
Hoosh much?
...you're kind of right.

He's bound and determined to make up for his lack of experience by catching up to Yukiya and Hisame's skill.
It's a little too complicated for me...
...but I know what I saw.
That expression was just so... adorable!!
Sense memory!
Perridge?!
"What?"
"You're a weird dude."
Even now, I know my instincts were correct.
When he flashes that grin, it doesn't matter how little performance experience he has.
Kan-chan's eyes are soft and gentle...
I just wish Raizo himself saw it.
Someone with his personality was exactly what Rain needed.
Even with a face covered in bruises.
You could see how charismatic his smile was.
He says me as a monkey just like you
The only difference is I wear clothes
Lucky chump.
Hmph
I'm jealous
No matter how you slice it, Kan-chan really cares about Raizo.
On the video, it felt like Raizo wasn't really looking at me.
You know, as the audience
AAHH!

Huh?
I never forgave evil, regardless of form. I am Tamai Momoko, fighter of the I-P!!!
Stop it!!!
Wanna know what I think?! Ha!
WAAAAH!
Ha ha! Your sand castle is stupid!
Stop p ching on others. It's wrong
Y-Yi
...But do it again, and I'll just have to arrest you!
Idol P.I. got the bad guy!
It's Momoko!
Hm?
Big sister
Tee-hee!
I'll let you off with that little warning today.
I'm sorry...
It's Thief Handsome!
OOOOH!!
Totally The Idol P.I. Show!
Look!!
?
AAAAA

I never knew...
Whoa.
Your heart, of course!
Secret admirer
SQUEEEAL! He's so cool!
Blargh
Rice ball
Sand
Today is the day! You're going down!
YAAY!!
Heh. You're on!
SQUEEEAL!!!!
In love!
What are you trying to steal today?
You're one rambunctious lady!
Hmm what can I do to make you mine?
Yay Handsome!!
I can't let you steal my heart. It belongs to the people!
Yeah! You tell 'im!
...doing this...

I love to make people happy!
I call out...
...and I hear...
...Yeah.
...could feel so good.
Later!
Bye-bye, Hatsumi!
Bye-bye, Momoka!
Oh, crap!
Hey, Raizo?
Hm?
Is this what it's like for you and my Mom?
Sakay
I totally forgot.
Isn't your TV gig tomorrow?
I'm so sorry! You were on your way to practice!
Whoops.



I just wanna dance, please?
Nah. If I watch cute I like geo-well cands.
Is it going to be a problem when it comes on stage?
God, yes. We were soaking wet and freezing!
I heard the photoshoot for the single cover was rough.
Calm down already. What're you getting nervous for?
Oh my gosh, it's Rain! They're the first ones up!!
Squeeee!!

...thousands of voices calling back.

すっーーん!!
"RAIN!"
KLONK
Pfft!
HA HA HA HA HA
He killed the mood!
Dammit, Raizo!! The song's starting already!
Quit laughing, Tamaki!
HA HA HA HA HA HA

...from the TV screen...
From the stage...
He's looking at me.
...Raiza is looking straight at me.
Kan-chan...
Rain is really cool!
.....

I hope someday I can shine just as bright!
Yes!
Huh?
Wh-what's gotten into you?
Why are you standing?
Nothing
I'm thinking I need to start working harder.
At what?
Stuff
Ack! Am I blushing?

No, I watched "The Lonely General."
An Edo period drama
Did you watch Rain last night, Miss Class Rep?
The next day, at school
Tamako-chan! Can we borrow the new Rain CD? ♡

All his attention is focused...
Bright lights
Yeahey!
...at his boys on the television.
Their shining moment...

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pearl pink
Step8

Founders' Day?
The one holiday in February all girls can't wait for is...?
Are you kidding? It's not even funny. This is serious. It's war!
Here, Kan-chan!
I made Valentine's Day chocolates from scratch just for you! It's a day early, but please, please accept it!!
He's an idol it's not even funny!!
You're stupid
Thief Hanabusa stomp-ed it
Momoko's costumes
It's a copyright crime.
Thief Hanabusa didn't do it. This isn't his M.O
Momoko-san just because you weren't in beryl doesn't mean...
Huh
IDOL Pi
MOMOKO
3

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Idols should never complain about back pain!
Hey now!
The chill runs up my back...
I wish it wasn't so cold.
So fluffy and warm!
Oh, by the way, can you make time for judging next month's audition?
Audition for what?
Yep.

...prepping my replacement for when they force me to retire.
You're being such a drama queen!
Oh...
IDOL P.I. MOMOKO
NOW AUDITIONING
Momoko's Little Sister!
Idol P.I. Momoko's little sister. They're planning to add one to the show to spice up next season.
Here's the ad.
Wow, really?
I'm not as young as I once was. I'm sure the producers are...
Assist Idol P.I. Momoko as she tries to capture These Handsome!

You've failed!!
Aww...

GYAAAAAA!
He's just looking for an excuse.
Um... doesn't that defeat the purpose?
What's with the stupid bandana and cheesy coat?!
Defeat!
Here, I'll dress you right!!
If you want to challenge me to take your sweets, you need to dress cuter, frillier, feminine! Just because we live under the same roof doesn't mean I'll go easy on you!

I'M TO TAKE CUTENESS
- cheeks slightly red
- eyes moist and teary
- look down, glance up bitterly
Um... excuse me?
I-I hope I'm not bothering you...
BGM: "Valentine Kiss" by Seiyuri Kobushi
dramatic pauses
- spunk softly hesitant
keep hand at bottom lip
...but I made these chocolates just for you.
They're probably not any good, but...
...if you'd kindly accept them...
...I'd be so happy!!
Still going still going
PING! PING! PING!
Who?
peasant form with both hands pushed forward with a bows locked

Just try and give me that chocolate
.....
Perfect. Once more from the top!
O-okay. I'm done changing.
Right! Here I go! Kan-chan, I challenge you!!
Come on! You have to seduce me into the chocolate.
Completely out of it
!

Abbreviations

The best way to abbreviate to the title Tennen Pearl Pink? Well I didn't specifically designate anything at the outset so a lot of different ones have started floating around and it's pretty much impossible to choose just one

Sorry!

1. Ten-pa
2. Ten P. P.
3. Ten-pin
4. Pearl P

So everyone which do you like best?

Letting others do the work

Of course, I really don't mind one way or the other You can call it whatever you want Personally, I say "Ten Pa" but my boss doesn't really seem to like that one (Why?!) Maybe because it sounds too close to the Japanese phrase for "natural perm"? Hmm... "Tennen Perm Pink"... Pat Hayashiya comes to mind for some odd reason

NOTE "Pat Hayashiya" is a comedian who is well known for his incredible love of the color pink

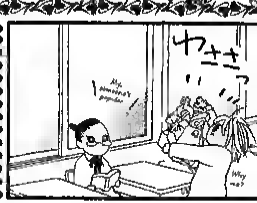
Kan-chan, you sound funny.
Are you sick?
Wha--?
My voice is fine. I'm fine!
You'll be the one to catch cold if you don't change out of those clothes quick.

It's just the sniffles. It'll clear up in a day or two.
But if you keep telling me I'm sick over and over, you'll hypnotize me into really getting a cold.
!
But...
Look.
There
You get me?!
I couldn't eat it.
Oh! Kan-chan, did you like the chocolate I made?
Hard as a brick!
I was scared I'd crack a tooth
HUH?!
Stronger teeth
But I ate it just fine!
Okay.
Very manly, don't you think?

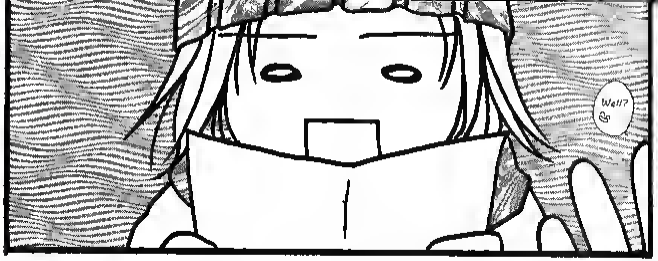
Whoa, awe-some!
It snowed!
It's cold enough!
AAAAH CHOO!!
Wear this.
You keep it. I don't need it.
But you have a--
I do not have a cold!
!
Sniff!
Here.

Yeah. I asked him to make my lunches. I'm watching my weight.
Image is everything, huh?
Yeah.
Whew, finally, I can eat!
Aren't you cold?
I'll live.
Oh, Kan-chan made a bento for you, too.
Mmm, looks so good!

If it wasn't for Kan-chan's good nature, I'd be screwed, too
Grrr!
I'd help him with something for once!
Ha ha ha!
Besides becoming his perfect wife?
Then I won't have to ask him for anything.
The better I get, the more I can pay Kanji back.



High School afternoon recess.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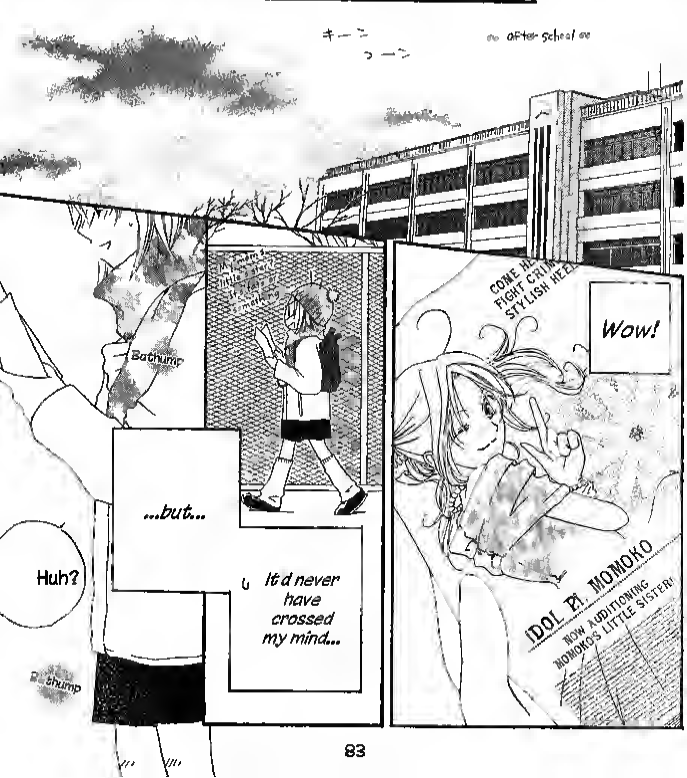
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コーン
~ after school ~
Bathump
...but...
It'd never have crossed my mind...
Huh?
Bathump
COME HO
FIGHT CRI
STYLISH HE
Wow!
IDOL Ft. MOMOKO
NOW AUDITIONING
MOMOKO'S LITTLE SISTER!

But seriously...
...I want to become a "good woman."
Well...you are Shinju Momono's daughter. Give it ten years or so and you'll be hot like her.
Rude!
I don't have that long!
Besides I'm cute!
I don't know why, but you're only two years older than me and you seem so much more mature!

Wait!
What? It's only because I'm working for a--

Here!
Here's a quick route to becoming "a good woman."
What's going on?
I know!
I know!
I know!
I mean, you're not only a girl, but you're already her daughter! It's too perfect, you have to try!

...when will it ever be okay for me to not be a "secret"?
Kan-chan?
Here's my dry cleaning.
.....
Zzz
Here
He's shivering, too.
His face is red.
Maybe he has a fever?
I know he had a cold
Except...
If not now...
No! No! No! I can't! I just can't!
...ARGH!!!
Bathump
Bathump
Bathump
STUPID KAZUO!!
I'm Shinju Momono's secret child! If I'm going to stay secret, I have to stay hidden! I can't get my name on TV!
It doesn't matter how much I like being in front of an audience!

Hm? What was that?
Dog Run undergoes a Coat Boom
Geez!
Why won't you listen to me?!
KOFF KOFF KOFF
Uff! You're heavy!
!
Huh?
Close your eyes.

Six-thirty?!
Yeep!
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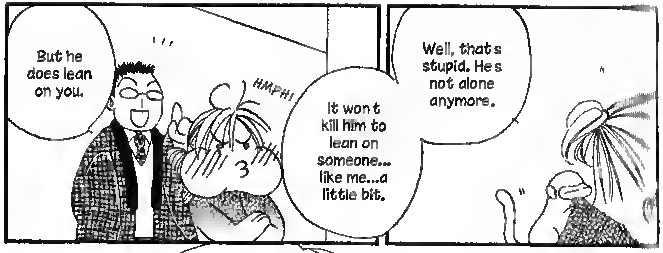
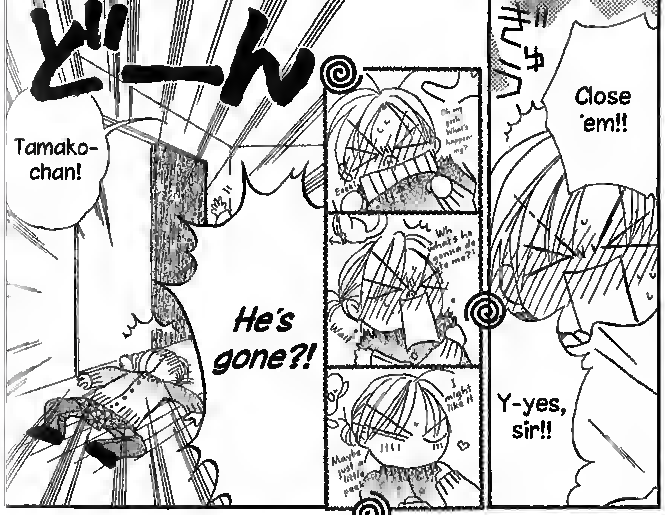
HUH?
Gotta iron the shirts!!
Gotta organize Dog Run's files!!
Gotta make dinner!!
Gotta prep the bath!!
Help!!
ACK!!!
No, wait! I'll take--
Gotta take clothes to the cleaners...


But he does lean on you.
HMPH!
It won't kill him to lean on someone... like me...a little bit.
Well, that's stupid. He's not alone anymore.

Tamako-chan, there's one thing only you can give him.

Bwa ha ha! Wear this!!
Yeep!
A FATHER'S CONVICTION
But what?!
Your inability to dress so he always has someone to "fix"!
Um, Mister?
ANTICIPATION
Huh?


Tamako-chan!
He's gone?!
Close 'em!!
Y-yes, sir!!

...he's never been able to ask for help.
He can't give in to anything easily, not even illness. He's more likely to silently soldier on.
Huh.
Not that I blame him much. I was always at work, so he didn't really have a choice growing up.
Kanji-kun? He wobbled and weaved outta here.
Don't worry. I'm sure he's heading to the doctor's.
I think he took the insurance card
Then why didn't he just say so?!
Well...

AAAAAAAAAAH!!
KAN-CHAN !!!
Buried in snow!
Prescription
Kanji Iruu
Take 1 pill 3x daily
I was just resting. The cold snow felt good!
Knock it off already!! I'm fine!
Wake up, Kan-chan! Wake up!!!
Don't die! Please!
Oi.
Oi!!
Did you come looking for me? God, you're dumb.
I'll help you. Lean on my shoulder, okay?
COME HELP ME FIGHT CRIME...IN STYLISH HEELS!
He will admit he needs me.
IDOL IS NONOKO
Will he trust me...
Hm?
A feet?
...if I grow up a little bit?
I don't care. I'm going after him.

Now we're going.
Whaa--?!
T-Tamako?
Grab your bag.

Nah, that's okay.
I can walk on my own. Go on and head home.
But...

Keff
...I'm right here.

Huff
My mind's made up...
Huff
I'll...
Huff
...get stronger, better! I will!

I can--
Shut it! I'm gonna carry you, and you're gonna like it! Capiche?!
くわ!!
Your feet might drag, but I can't do anything about it. Sorry.
Tamako! Put me down! I'm fine!
Holy crap!
It's unbecoming of you to be so stubborn. It's childish!
Heck yeah, I'm mad!!
T-Tamako? Are you mad at me?

It's because I'm...not reliable... enough, right?
I'm sorry.
No. I didn't mean that.
Huff

WHEEZE
Sorry. I'm totally wiped. ♡
HUFF
HUFF HUFF
Sniff
It's okay. I'm impressed enough as it is.
I weigh 170 lbs!!
BOTH FULLY EXHAUSTED
Yikes!
But to do that...
...I may have to leave for a while.
Wha--?
Two volumes in a row
Wheeze
...Hello?
Raizo? You're at the Inuis?
Huff
Tama --!
Beep Beep
Huff
Come get us! Please!
Sniff
OOF!!
No, that was nothing...
Sniff
Getting you home would've been impressive.

How dull!
He just fell down? Is that all?
Tamako-chan, grab his umbrella for me.
Yeah, it is...
I like it!
Here, put it on!
Am I interrupting something?
Something scandalous?
Sorry!
Urk! He's heavy!!
N-no! Your timing is perfect!

Huff

I'm going to audition for that part.

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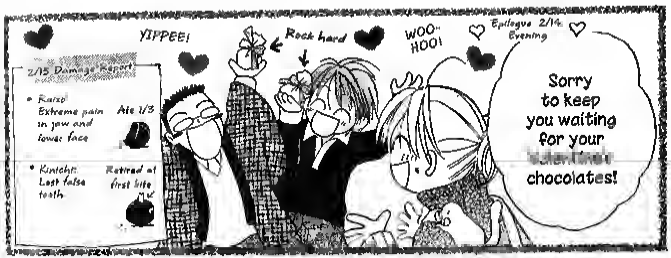
This is my first step towards that goal.

Really? Cool!

Good luck!



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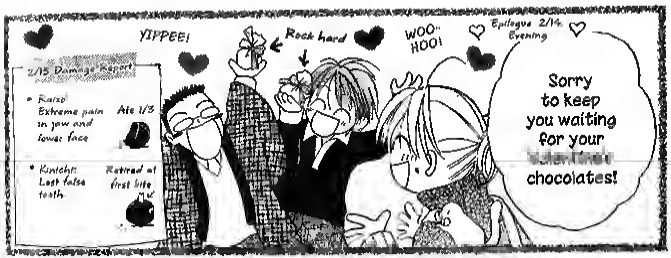
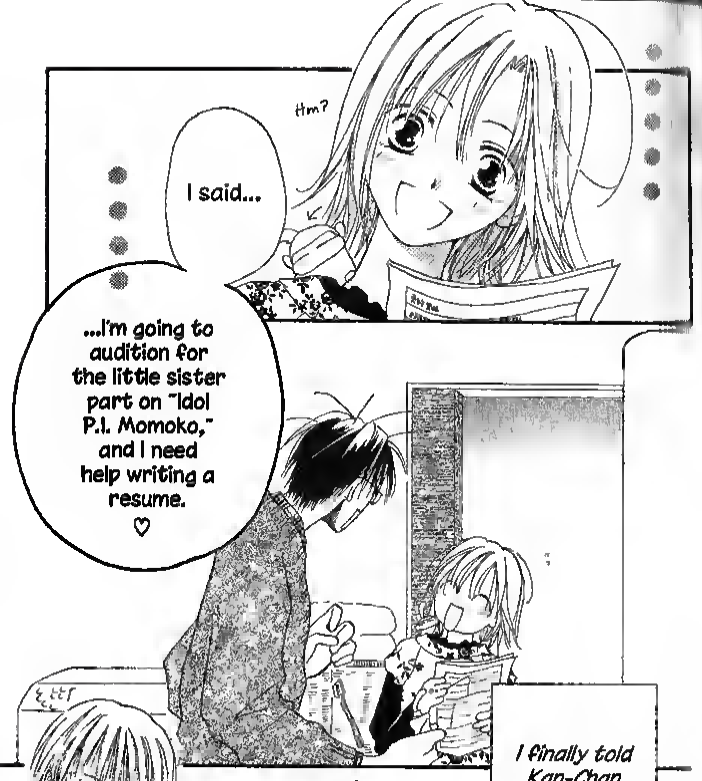
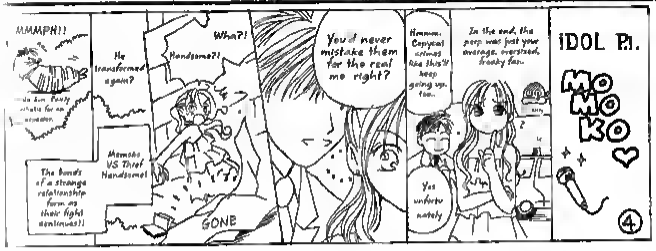



Hm?
I said...
...I'm going to audition for the little sister part on "Idol P.I. Momoko," and I need help writing a resume. ♡
I finally told Kan-Chan my plan.
Really?
Tamako-chan's going to audition? Interesting.
Yep.
LF Studio

What did you just say?
In celebration of his recovery: Kenji With Glasses
A few days later...


MMMPH!!
He transformed again?
What?! Handsome?!
Momoko VS Thief Handsome!
GONE
You'd never mistake them for the real me right?
Hmmm... Cynical crimes like this'll keep going up, too...
Yes unfortunately
In the end, the perp was just your average, overstressed, freaky fan.
IDOL P.I.
MOMOKO
④

Hm?
Tamako!
Come back here, dammit!
Sorry!
NO!!
ばた ばた ばたばた

That I can never go out into the world and be who I am?!
Are you telling me I have to remain in hiding the rest of my life?!
Fine...

I'm auditioning, and that's that!!
No, you're not! It's too complicated!

Rein is self-training
Dwah? Why did you tell her to do it, then?
I'm the one who put her up to it.
Though, I suppose there's a good chance it'll expose that she's Shinju Momono's daughter.
That's kind of a big deal, y'know.
La dee dah I don't care

She was going to go tell Kanji. I wonder how it went?
Let's take a little lookee...

Or, worst-case scenario, Tamako-chan's existence wrecks Shinju-san's image, her career dries up, and she'll be forced into an early, shame-filled retirement.
Raizo!
Well, it's the truth!
Still, in a perfect world..
...even if everyone did find out Tamako-chan is Shinju-san's daughter, it'll probably help the ratings.
MOTHER
DAUGHTER
...but if Dog Run goes under because of you, you'll take full responsibility. Right?!
I'm talking to Kan-chan again.
shuffle
rummage
What's that ribbon for?
T-Tamako-chan...
Kanji's on the 2nd floor now
Kanji-kun is scary when he wants to be.
Yeah, he's going to make it tough on her to get the audition.
Yeesh...
Sniff sniff Waaaah!

I'M ALL RIGHT!!
Here we go! Round 2!!
...Kan-chan would ever fall for a woman like that!!
ずしずし
ずしずし
You're looking cute today.
Care to play Shogi Dominoes with a lonely old man?
Aww man!
Burnout! Incomplete!
No thanks.
むん
Hm?
Kanji-kun?
Since he's feeling better, he went grocery shopping.
The fridge is bare

Ribbon adjusted by Eiri
I'll change into something cuter, too.
I'm not giving up...
...not by a long shot, Kan-chan!
Sex appeal!
Drawn by Kaoru
I won't be pushed around like some goody two-shoes.
I'm tired of everyone protecting and coddling me. It'll make me into a fluff-brained, overly dependent adult!
There's no way...
Notes: Kaoru

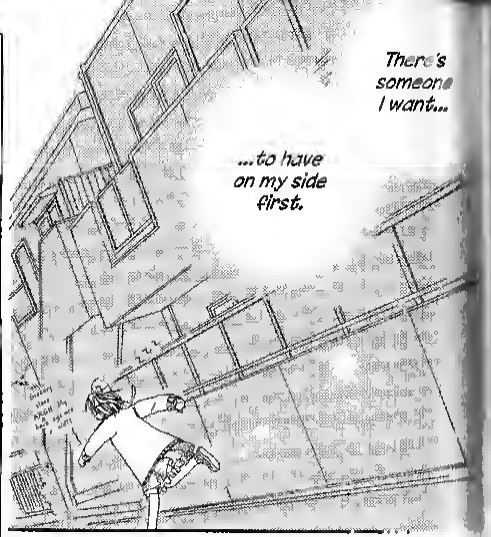
FRILLS

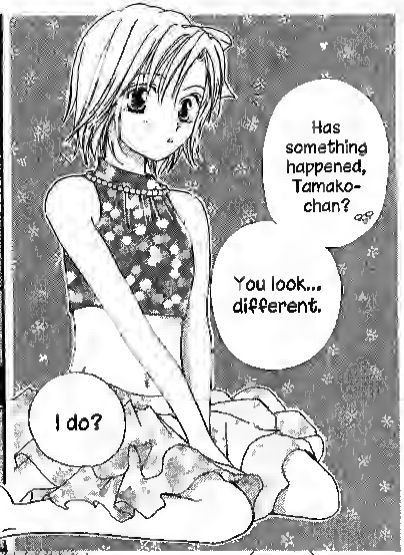
I've been having an absolute devil of a time finding inspiration for idol costume designs. Is there maybe an "Idol Costume Designs and Patterns" book or something to that effect floating around out there somewhere? If so, I need it! In the meantime, I've been looking at:

- children's clothes
- dance costumes
- figure skater costumes
- doll's clothes

Just for ideas. I got lucky when I was drawing the costumes for Tamako this volume. It was right about the end of the year, so there were lots of TV programs with stars all decked out, singing and dancing. I borrowed bits and pieces from various ones to put together something unique for Tamako. Is she sparkly and glittery enough? With just enough skin showing—and exactly the right smile—and just young enough...

Whoa, crap!
Too late. I guess I got a little carried away with the awesomeness of things I won't ever have for myself. It's kind of depressing when you write it out...





I'll...
...get stronger, better! I will!
Smear White Skin
Smear Wh Skin Dry Wh
Come on, guys! Get off me already! Lemme go!!
AAARRRGH!!

--only about a month left until the audition. That's not even enough time for Tamako to even begin learning the basics of acting. I hope it's in her DNA.
She'll need to make a strong visual impact. I'll have to cultivate an impressively gorgeous, yet incredibly natural, look for her...
Excuse me--he's blocking all the shelves!
Um... excuse me? Sir?
YIKES!
So sorry! Please! Go ahead!
Come on! How can you get so worked up over this?
It's too big a risk. It's impossible!
Little Sister
※ Repeat several times.
YIKES!

All right, all right, all right!
Just a little, okay?!
by Kate cha
はぁ
YAAAAAY!!
Momoko?
YAAAAY!!
Go Momoko!!
Hmm
Ins stent

Geez! That's the last time I take a shortcut through the playground.
Later!! I have to do something first!
Hordes of children!
Play with us, Momoko! Pleaaaaase?!
Woah!
Lookit the ribbon in her hair!
The kids from two steps ago

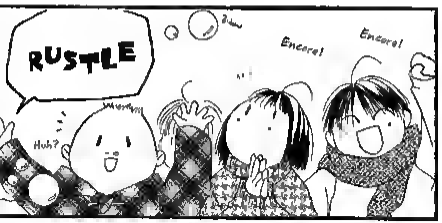
Mo-mo-ko-!!
Well... sorta...
Erk
Show us!

You're really pretty today, Momoko!
Really? ♡
You're skirt's all floofy and nice!
Why, thank you! ♡
Is your shirt all floofy and nice, too?

Ulp?

Right
Hang on. This'll only take a sec.
Hmm...
You hear them?
Shall we?
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
Whoa!
Heck, yeah! I've got to!

COLORFUL STRAWS
Jam
SHAMPOO
CONDITIONER
Everything is useless.


RUSTLE
Huh?
Encore!
Encore!

Oww...
Sorry, Kan-chan.
That was my landing spot.
I didn't know you were...
...ther---
GAK!!

How dare you walk around with frizzy hair and no make up on?! You've emotionally scarred that costume!
SLASH
Why are you carrying mousse around with you?!
I just bought it. Got a problem with that?!

Did you see that?! What a cool x-ray!!

...sparkly than she did before.
Yaay!
Yaay!

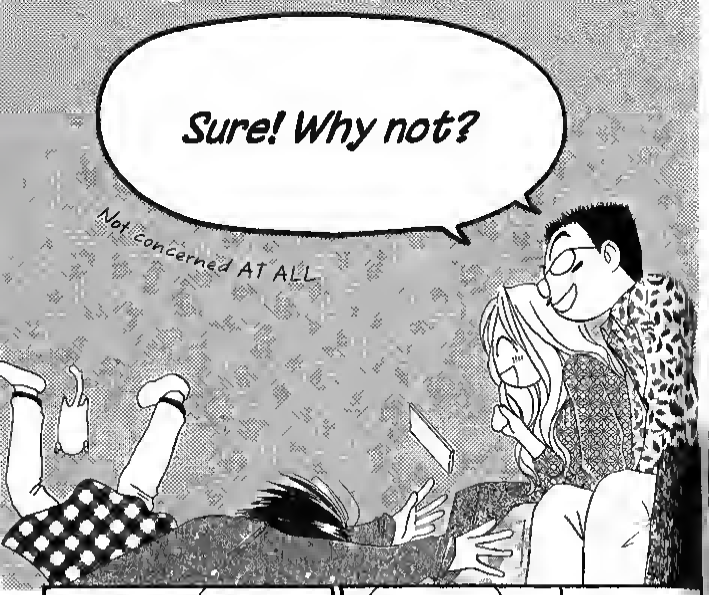
Ha ha!
Yaaay!
Yaaay!
Momoko looks way more...
Wow-ee-wow-wow!
Carrot mic
Ooh! Pretty bubbles!
Where are they coming from?
Blowing for all he's worth.
Water & dish soap mixed in the straw bag.

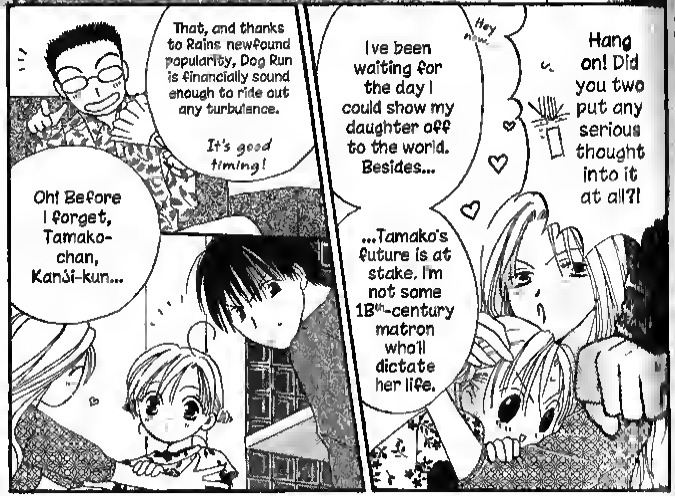
Maybe it took getting him out here...
...to see the way Kanji really sees me.
CORN POTAGE
How did you know you could use jam in place of lipstick?
The kids liked its shininess
MMM! This is so good!
I'm finally warm again!!
I appreciate your helping me out.
Um... Kan-chan?
Sniff

I think...
...I was too close to see it before.

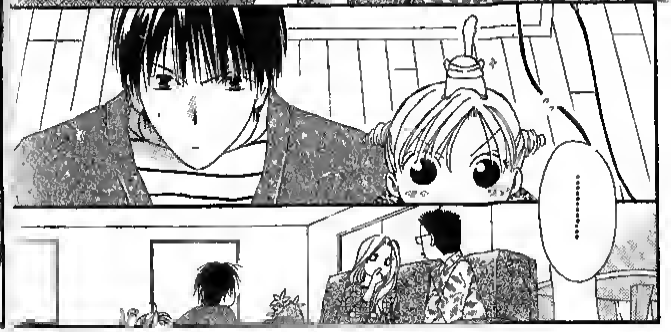
That's my dream, Tamako.
...make them into stars that everyone loves, from little kids all the way up to grandparents.
I'm going to find the best talent from all across Japan, train them, polish them...
dream!
I'm so glad...
AAAARGH!!! What the hell am I getting all excited for?!
I know it's a bad idea! I know it's frikkin' risky! So, why, dammit?! Why?!
Huh?
Wha?
I fully intend to take over for my father at Dog Run one day.
1st generation
Tamako, listen to me.
Okay.
Huff
Wheeze
Um... are you okay?

I earned this privilege all on my own, making them so much more precious.
First we need to clear it with Dad and Shinju-san.
So, don't go getting your hopes up.
How about we tell them instead of ask? Don't give them an option!
Uh, not exactly
Does that mean you'll teach me how to write a resume?
Kan-chan's gentle gaze, his warm hands, everything...
...he doesn't share them with just anyone.
...I decided to step out on my own.
He's blushing!
He's so red!
Worried


Sure! Why not?
Not concerned AT ALL


That, and thanks to Rains newfound popularity, Dog Run is financially sound enough to ride out any turbulence.
It's good timing!
Oh! Before I forget, Tamako-chan, Kanji-kun...
I've been waiting for the day I could show my daughter off to the world. Besides...
Hey Mom!
...Tamako's future is at stake. I'm not some 18th-century matron who'll dictate her life.
Hang on! Did you two put any serious thought into it at all?!

Audition?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DESTINED LOVERS

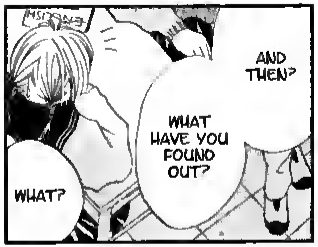
Fraternization between employees and the company talent...
...is absolutely and completely forbidden. So, keep that in mind, 'kay? ♡
WhAt?!
Gulp
While there may still be a few unresolved issues...
...a step forward is still progress!
Hee hee. How's Tamako-chan getting around that?
He just banned office romances!

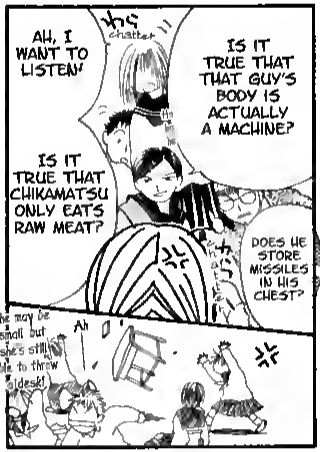
Destined Lovers
運命のベイベ

FROM THE MOMENT WE FIRST SAW EACH OTHER...
THE FLOWERS OF LOVE HAVE BLOOMED!

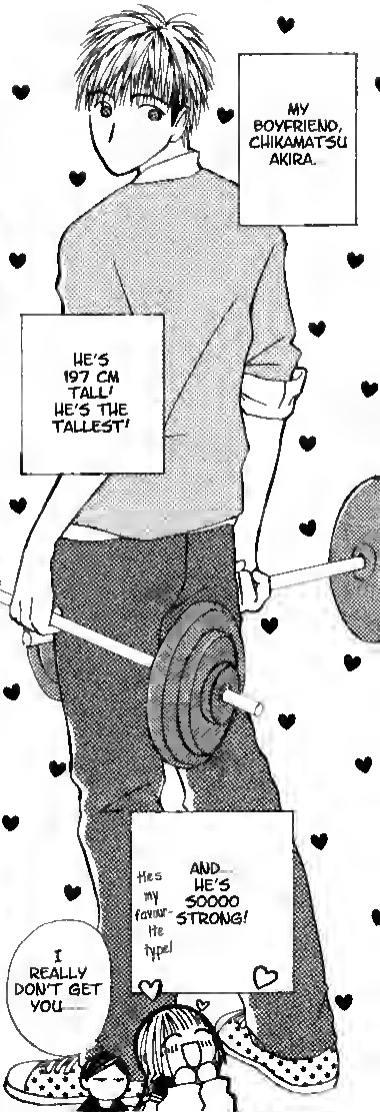
WITH ME, WHOM YOU'VE NEVER MET
YOU, A MERE ACQUAIN-TANCE

That's enough!
smack
WITH YOUR FIST
THAT'S RIGHT
STILL SAYING THAT IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?
YEAH!
I'M YANO HARUKO, AGE 16 THIS YEAR!
HAVING ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL FOR A MONTH ALREADY, I'M CURRENTLY
DEEPLY IN LOVE.
BUT... WHY CHIKA-MAT'SU?
Geez!
MASUMI, YOU DON'T KNOW!?
DON'T YOU THINK TALL AND STRONG GUYS ARE THE COOLEST?
I've been defeated!
KYA
SHOULDN'T THERE BE A LIMIT TO HEIGHT AND STRENGTH?
THAT'S RIGHT
ACTUALLY...


Morning
AND THEN?
WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND OUT?
WHAT?


AH, I WANT TO LISTEN!
chatter
IS IT TRUE THAT THAT GUY'S BODY IS ACTUALLY A MACHINE?
IS IT TRUE THAT CHIKAMATSU ONLY EATS RAW MEAT?
DOES HE STORE MISSILES IN HIS CHEST?
She may be small but she's still able to throw sidesk!
Ah

WHY ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HIM LIKE HE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN!?
Geez!

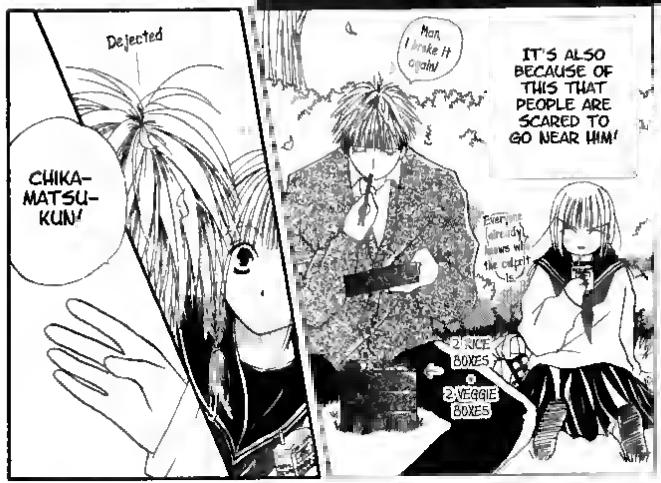

MY BOYFRIEND, CHIKAMATSU AKIRA.
HE'S 197 CM TALL! HE'S THE TALLEST!
AND... HE'S SOOOO STRONG!
Hes my favour- He type!
I REALLY DON'T GET YOU...

CHIKAMATSU-KUN IS JUST TALLER THAN NORMAL PEOPLE AND STRONGER TOO
What you're saying here isn't normal either!
ACTUALLY
HE IS BOTH PURE AND SENSITIVE!
BECAUSE THE QUESTION IS WHETHER HE'S HUMAN OR NOT
Ha ha!
HEY! DON'T INTERRUPT ME!
Haruka's Dreamland
HE HAS .....
AN INCREDIBLY KIND HEART .....
BUT—
YOUR FANTASIES DON'T MAKE HIM LOOK HUMAN EITHER!

Haha!
It doesn't hurt at all!
hit
hit
Power
FINE
JUST BE CAREFUL HE DOESN'T SQUISH YOU
Grr
It's almost time for the noontime broadcast!
Chiba-matsu-kun
♡
!
AH!
MASUMI'S SO MEAN!
HOW COULD I BE SQUISHED WHEN I'M 147 CM TALL!?
HARU...

Eh?
Blind Spot
... KO-SAN?
IT'S JUST... HE CAN'T SEE ME SOMETIMES, THAT'S ALL!
"Give me back my money!"
WHY DOESN'T MY JUICE COME OUT WHEN I'VE ALREADY PAID?
MAYBE IT'S STUCK?
Ah! Sorry!
THE WEATHER'S GREAT TODAY! LET'S EAT OUTSIDE!
Want it?
OKAY!
... HUH?
AT THIS TIME...
WE JUST NEED TO SHAKE IT OR GIVE IT A WHACK.
CHIKA-MATSU-KUN IS SO STRONG!

HOLY CRAP!
dk gahon
gahon
gahon
Kya
KYAA
Evacuate! It's Chika matsu
HE'S UNABLE TO CONTROL IT...
IF WE'RE NOT, WE'LL BE FOR SURE!
Ah! Sc Y!
Taking a bus today
CRASH
SO STRONG THAT...
ROLL
Kya!
Ahh!


Dejected
CHIKA-MATSU-KUN!
Man, I broke it again!
IT'S ALSO BECAUSE OF THIS THAT PEOPLE ARE SCARED TO GO NEAR HIM!
Everyone already knows who the culprit is.
2 NICE BOXES
2 VEGGIE BOXES

BLUSH
Hi class
Ruffle
Your hair feels rough!
YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF LEAVES IN YOUR HAIR
.....
Whew
He's so shy... ACHOO!
HE'S SOOOO SHY!
So cute.
NOBODY GETS IT!
place

It's so big!
HE'S BOTH GENTLE AND ADORABLE...
IT MAKES ME LIKE HIM MORE AND MORE!
IT'S ABOUT TIME TO\ GO BACK TO CLASS, RIGHT?
IT'S BY BEING NEAR HIM THAT I'VE GOTTEN TO UNDERSTAND HIM!
PROBABLY...
AH! SHE'S SO CUTE!
HOW DOES CHIKAMATSU-KUN FEEL ABOUT ME?
I can't take it
In the end, he also fell in love with Haruka at first sight, because he likes petite girls.

THESE FEELINGS AREN'T ONE-SIDED
I...
CAN'T SEE HIS FACE
RIGHT ?
YOU'RE SAYING...
HE DIDN'T HOLD YOUR HAND?

What is Masumi saying?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
Everyone's trying to eavesdrop!
FOR INSTANCE, YOU SAY IT'S ANNOYING THAT THERE'S SUCH A DIFFERENCE IN PHYSIQUE! LIKE THIS: "IT'S BECAUSE OF XXX, SO WE CAN'T XXX" - OR MAYBE
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
YOU THINK I'M YOUR LOVE COUNSELLOR OR SOMETHING?
BESIDES, I DON'T THINK IT'D BE GOOD IF YOU ACTED FIRST AND ATTACKED HIM
Hah
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...
But...
FROM AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW, CHIKAMATSU LOOKS PRETTY LIFELESS WHEN HE'S WITH YOU!
WELL, YOU TWO HAVEN'T BEEN DATING FOR LONG, SO DON'T BE IMPATIENT
YEAH...
I JUST WISH THAT HE'D TAKE THE INITIATIVE A LITTLE MORE...
AM I ASKING FOR TOO MUCH?

BANG
So tired!
HER HEAD'S SO SMALL!
HARUKO-SAN
She really is asleep!
Z

HUH?
Crash
Bang
ガシャ
Crack!
THINKING BACK
Okay!
Wow! Perfect timing!
LET'S GO HOME!
CRUSH

WILL YOU PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME?
THE ONE WHO FELL IN LOVE AND CONFESSED IMMEDIATELY WAS ME!
ALL CHIKAMATSU-KUN SAID WAS "SURE"!
Ah! Why am I so negative!?
CHIKAMATSU-KUN'S SO GENTLE, AND WE DON'T LOOK TOGETHER BECAUSE OF MY TINY SIZE, BUT BECAUSE HE HAD RELUCTANTLY AGREED
Ah!
COULD IT BE... HE WAS DEFEATED BY MY DETERMINATION...
Ack!
WALKING ON THE SIDE OF THE DYKE CAN BE
HARUKO-SAN...
AH!

AH!
clutch
DANGER
...
GRAB
ROUS...
But the dyke is also this way!
Wanted to warn her about this side of the dyke!

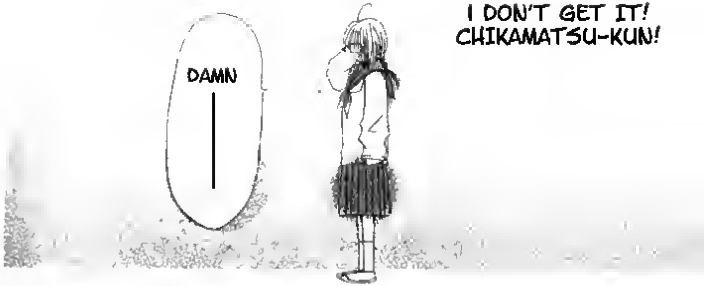
Ah
rustle
roll
roll
roll
roll
Hustle
RUSTLE!

I didn't know that that side was cemented and had a river...
AH — GOOD THING THIS SIDE IS GRASSY!
CHIKA-MATSU-KUN —
AH Right
sits
WHOA!
up
THAT WAS SCARY!
I DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT!
HE JUST LEFT ME HERE
How lonely-
You okay?
Yeah!
GEEZ!

JUST AN ACCIDENT NEAR THE DYKE!
I DON'T WANT TO SAY I WAS THROWN OFF
WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!?
NOTHING!
AH!
CHIKAMATSU-KUN! YESTERDAY
Yesterday.
Step?
Wah
Scary!
YANO'S INCREDIBLE
SHE'S ABLE TO MAKE CHIKAMATSU FLEE WITH A SINGLE GLANCE!
IT LOOKS LIKE SHE WON THE BATTLE WITH HIM ON THE DYKE YESTERDAY!
You can tell by her wounds!
WOW
THEN IS YANO THE TRUE #1?

CHIKA-MATSU-KUN!
EVEN SO...
Lunch!
Let's go home!
Shut up!
CHIKA-MATSU-KUN...
run
PCP
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING!
ACK!
RUNNING

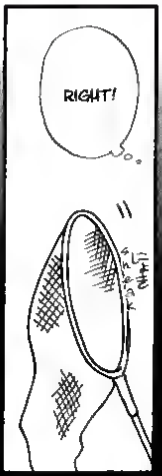
PLEASE DON'T...
COME NEAR ME!
WHY?
WHY?
SOB


I DON'T GET IT! CHIKAMATSU-KUN!
DAMN

Ah! ...You need a rest?
Yuno tries so hard!
BEFORE ASKING HIM THE REASON, I MUST FOLLOW HIM NO MATTER WHAT!
MERELY RELYING ON MY REFLEXES IS NOT ENOUGH!
Stubborn!

MAYBE IT'S JUST BETWEEN YOU TWO...
IT'S MASUMI!
ISN'T THIS CHIKA-MATSU-KUN'S CLASS-ROOM?
EH?

I'LL JUST WAIT FOR THE PERFECT CHANCE
Speaking of which... who am I explaining this to?
EH?


RIGHT!

BUT... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO TO HARUKO?
ACTUALLY, I—
.....
WHAT IS SHE SAYING TO CHIKAMATSU-KUN?
Eh——?
AM REALLY SCARED OF HARUKO-SAN!
ドドーン
da-daaan
BIG HIT!

AH
I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT!
I didn't word it correctly!
She's just dumb!
HOW IS SHE SCARY?
EVER SINCE MY FORCEFUL CONFESSION, HE'S HATED ME UNTIL NOW!
shuuk hug kisses
I'M AFRAID OF TOUCHING HER!
HARUKO-SAN IS BOTH SMALL AND CUTE, JUST LIKE A BABY CHICK
IF SHE WERE TO STAY BY MY SIDE
I KEEP THINKING

CHIKA-MATSU-KUN, YOU...
IDIOT!
BASH
THAT I'LL EVENTUALLY CAUSE HER HARM!
CHIKA-MATSU-KUN...
EH?
HARU...
I DON'T NEED YOU TO GUARD ME!
DON'T BE SO SUB-JECTIVE!

I'M NOT A BABY CHICK, AND I'M NOT A DOLL!
I DON'T NEED THOSE FEELINGS!
Kick
Ah
WHY AREN'T YOU CHASING AFTER HER!?
Don't need those feelings...
Waaaaah...
HOW SHOULD I SAY THIS.
BE-CAUSE HARUKO
Heh heh
... YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF ME?
This is the first time I've been kicked by a girl!
I DON'T LIKE YOU EITHER!

WOULD ALWAYS TELL ME THAT YOU WERE A "GENTLE PERSON".
Hm
What does a lover's spat have to do with me? I'm really just too nice!
SINCE THAT MOMENT WHEN I FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM AT FIRST SIGHT...
IT'S COM-ING!
It's terrifying!
Anger?
THE MORE I GOT TO KNOW HIM, THE MORE I GREW TO LIKE HIM!
IS THAT YOU... CHIKAMATSU-KUN?
I FOUND A PLACE TO HIDE.

ME, WHO'S NOISY AND SHORT-TEMPERED...
Rustle
HARUKO-SAN...
COME DOWN!
TAKE MY HAND, OKAY?
A GIRL WHO'S NOT AT ALL DELICATE, DO YOU HATE THAT
?

BUT...
YEAH!
EVEN THOUGH I'M AFRAID OF TOUCHING YOU...
I... I'M REALLY GLAD I CAN REACH YOU LIKE THIS!
PLEASE...
TRUST IN MY HEIGHT...

IT MUST HAVE BEEN FOR THIS MOMENT THAT I WAS BORN TALL!
DON'T RUN AWAY FROM ME! ACCEPT MY LOVE!
LOOK AT ME CAREFULLY AND LOVE ME, OKAY?

Why are they doing it here, for the world to see?
Seri-ously
Ugh, my eyes!
Whoa
So loving!
ARE...
BLUSH
Flustered
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'RE NOT HURT ANYWHERE, ARE YOU?
RIGHT! YOU WANT TO COME DOWN NOW?
JUST WAIT A LITTLE MORE!
EVEN IF...

IT'S FINE IF YOU HOLD ME EVEN TIGHTER!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU SLOWLY GROW TO LIKE ME!
WE HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD!
AH
I THINK THAT...
Hugging her gives me a soft yet flustered feeling!
NEXT TIME I'M AFRAID TO TOUCH HER, I'LL NEED A DIFFERENT REASON!
Should I say I'm nervous?

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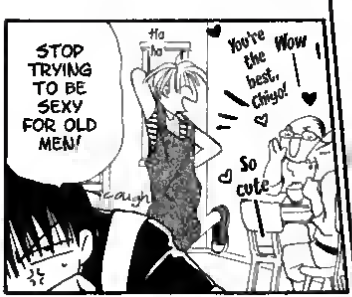
The main characters in this story served as the basis of Kanji and Tamako from "Tennen Pearl Pink". Although the backstory is different, the feeling is similar, so please take a look at this work!

AT A CERTAIN CORNER IN THE KEYAKI SHOPPING DISTRICT, THERE IS THE "DIAMOND CAFE"
INSIDE, LIVES A FAMILY
KOU-KUN... GET ME A BIG BOWL OF RICE!
FORGET IT!



CHIYO SUENAGA, 15 YEARS OLD!

SHE LIVES WITH AND HELPS OUT HER 25-YEAR-OLD STEPFATHER, KOUTARO SUENAGA.

THANKS FOR WAITING! HERE IS YOUR RICE!

HAVE YOU VISITED HER GRAVE?
I JUST WENT!
IT'S YOUR TURN! I'LL LOOK AFTER THE SHOP FOR YOU.
THEY'VE ALREADY LIVED LIKE THIS FOR FIVE YEARS!
Ah
MOM'S DEATH ANNIVER-SARY IS TODAY?
IN THE PAST, MY MOM AND I OFTEN VISITED THE YOUNG OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT.
Then I'll leave you to watch it for a while!
SEVEN YEARS AGO, I SHOULD SAY!
Oh
LIKE THIS?

"CAN YOU GIVE ME ONE HALF OF YOUR MOM?"
I WAS EIGHT AT THE TIME! MOM WAS TWENTY-EIGHT, AND HE WAS EIGHTEEN.
KOU-KUN... YOU ONLY WANT ONE HALF?
I can give you another piece!
This kid's really blunt...
IT'S FINE!
HE SAID... HE HAD TO WAIT BEFORE PROPOSING TO THAT WOMAN!
MOM WAS UNMARRIED, BUT SHE WAS A STRONG WOMAN WHO BROUGHT ME UP BY HERSELF.
She was head of the family!
So you're the brat who said that Chiyo didn't have a dad?
Ah!

"WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER MARRYING THIS PERSON?"
AT THAT TIME, I...
WAS ALWAYS BY KOU-KUN'S SIDE...
NOT LONG AFTER THE MARRIAGE... MOM BECAME SICK!
ALTHOUGH WE WERE ONLY ALL TOGETHER FOR TWO YEARS...
THE OTHER HALF IS CHIYO'S!
I HAVE MY HALF SO THAT I CAN PROTECT YOU!

I BELIEVE THAT MOM WAS REALLY HAPPY!

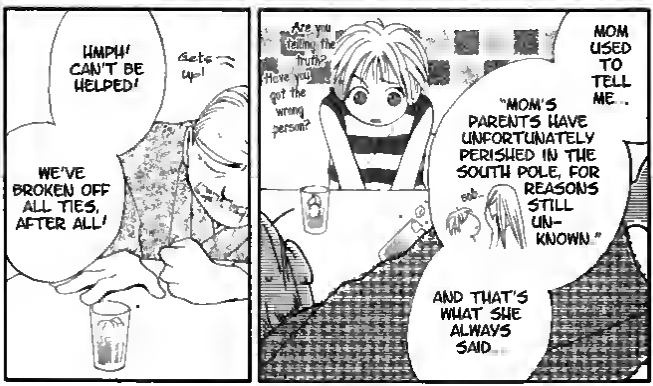
DEFINI-
TELY...
SORRY FOR THE LONG WAIT!
THE OWNER OF MORI SUSHI WANTED THE TEMPURA* SET, RIGHT?
HERE!
Owner of Mori Sushi
CAN YOU GIVE ME A PLATE OF FRIED LEEKS AND BEEF LIVER?
Sure!
*TEMPURA = DEEP-FRIED SHRIMP

Black Hearted Resort Tavern
WELL DONE, CHIYO-CHAN!
Ho ho!
Wow I'll come here everyday
This is nothing! Ho ho!
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
Ah!
SOME-ONE'S ADDED ANOTHER ORDER!
CHIYO-CHAN ARE YOU ON SUMMER VACATION NOW?
YUP!
SO YOU HAVE TO COME SEE ME EVERYDAY!
HUM?
FRIED FREAKS AND BEEF LIVER!
Idiot!
People who say that their family member's an idiot are idiots too!
.....
IT'S FRIED LEEKS AND BEEF LIVER!
FRIED CORK AND LIVER!
Close enough!
No it's not!
FRIED PORK AND LIVER!
Gwa ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

CHIYO, GO PUT AWAY THE CLOTH HANGING!
Lunchtime is over!
GOT IT!
I'm OFF TO BUY SOME-THING.
OKAY
DON'T RUN OVER ANY STRANGE OLD MEN!
Stupid!
chug chug chug
?
KOU-KUN SEEMS A BIT WEIRD..
.....
YOU TOO!
static shyness
(^o^)

AH
SORRY! IT WAS A RE-FLEX!
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
ONE OF MY FANS?
EH?
YOU'RE MY MOM'S FATHER?
Takamori Industries Co. Ltd.
Investments Representative Manager
Takamori Ichinosuke

I'M YOUR GRANDPA!
THAT'S RIGHT!
THEN THAT MEANS YOU'RE MY...
Oh yeah! Mom's maiden name was Takamori...
.....
Eh?
What? What?


MOM USED TO TELL ME...
"MOM'S PARENTS HAVE UNFORTUNATELY PERISHED IN THE SOUTH POLE, FOR REASONS STILL UN-KNOWN."
Are you telling the truth? Have you got the wrong person?
sob...
AND THAT'S WHAT SHE ALWAYS SAID...
Gets up!
UMPH! CAN'T BE HELPED!
WE'VE BROKEN OFF ALL TIES, AFTER ALL!

I COULDN'T ACCEPT THAT SHE HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO YOU EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD NO HUSBAND...
THAT'S WHY... YOUR MOTHER LEFT THE TAKAMORI HOUSEHOLD!
BECAUSE OF THAT, WE HAVEN'T SPOKEN IN TEN YEARS
BUT... THE ONLY TIME WE COMMUNICATED WAS WHEN SHE TOLD ME SHE WAS LEAVING!
SINCE IT'S ALREADY BEEN TEN YEARS, THE GRUDGE BETWEEN US HAS DISAPPEARED!
I... HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE CARE OF MY GRANDCHILD!
AS A RESULT, I'VE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THIS STORE'S OWNER... HOWEVER
BUT!
PLEASE, JUST ONE LOOK!
NO!
NO!
NO!
HE STUBBORNLY REFUSED TO LET ME SEE YOU!

roar
NOW I CAN FINALLY TELL YOU WHAT HE WOULDN'T!
CHIYO! COME LIVE WITH YOUR GRANDPA!
immediately
NO!
WHY, HUH...
EH?
BECAUSE
CHIYO ...
shudder
... Why?
They met and they struck. It's definitely a KO!

gets up
I HOPE YOU THINK ABOUT THIS, AND DO WHAT IS BEST FOR BOTH OF YOU!
ISN'T KOUTARO ONLY TWENTY-FIVE?
AT HIS AGE, HE STILL HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO START OVER!
MY BUSINESS CARD HAS MY ADDRESS
PLEASE COME SEE ME AT ANY TIME...
... I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THIS PROBLEM!

BUT THAT'S JUST MY WAY OF THINKING
TO OTHER PEOPLE
COULD I BE
TO ME, KOU-KUN
IS LIKE MY DAD AND BROTHER, ALL ROLLED INTO ONE!
"HE'S ONLY TWENTY-FIVE .."
ONLY A BURDEN TO KOU-KUN?

"A SINGLE MAN"...

plunk
HUH?
GO DRY YOUR HAIR!
AH...

DAMN IT?
KOU-KUN YOU PERVERT!
Pervert!
Excuse me! You're the one w/ was wearing that thing around the house.
KOU-KUN?
ARE YOU ...
GOING THROUGH PUBERTY?
As your stepdad you've scored me to death!
SLAM!
MOM... I...

I ended up having to force her to wash them herself!
SHE SAID THAT TO ME!
Why?
Grade 6 at the time!
WHEN I TOLD HER TO WASH HER OWN UNDER-WEAR...
WHY WOULD SHE REACT LIKE THAT NOW!?
AS HER STEPDAD, HOW SHOULD I ACT...
AND HONESTLY CHIYO, I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE TO EMPTY YOUR POCKETS BEFORE PUTTING THEM IN THE WASH...
Takamori Investments Ltd.
Takamori Ichinosuke

JUST WHAT SHOULD I DO...

Tumble
Tumble
.....
Flap Flap
ダイヤモンド
Diamond Cafe
SORRY FOR THE WAIT
WOW
.....
WHAT'S WRONG, CHIYO-CHAN?
Yay! Yay!
Katsu-don! Katsu-don!
KATSU-DON = FRIED PORK CHOP WITH RICE
NO!
GOT A TOOTH-ACHE?
I'm a nurse!
Today's customers are dentists from the clinic next door!
I'm a dentist!

FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WHAT KIND OF PERSON... IS KOU-KUN?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN... LIKE, AS A MAN?
ER.. NEVER MIND!
Oh my!
This-
HE KNOWS HOW TO COOK AND HOW TO DO HOUSEHOLD CHORES, RIGHT?
That's pretty incredible!
He is in!
AND HIS LOOKS AREN'T BAD EITHER!
And he's got really straight teeth!
BUT... DOESN'T KOU-KUN ALREADY HAVE YOU, CHIYO-CHAN?
...OH GOD

THIS IS HORRIBLE!

ALTHOUGH KOU-KUN IS POPULAR WITH WOMEN...

I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM GOING OUT WITH ANYONE...

WHEN DID SHE FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM?
INTER-ESTING THINGS ALWAYS HAPPEN AT THE DIAMOND CAFE!
I'm so happy!
Thanks for your patronage!

LOOK AT ME WHEN I'M TALKING!
anger
NO!
anger
LISTEN TO ME!
NO!
anger
YEAH ...
ARE YOU GOING?
CHIYO!
KOU-KUN... THAT'S ENOUGH!
IF YOU GET AWAY FROM ME, YOU CAN BE FREE!
YOU'RE ONLY TWENTY-FIVE, SO YOU'RE STILL YOUNG!
YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO START OVER!

BY "STARTING OVER", YOU MEAN TO TELL ME...

THAT I HAD MADE THE WRONG DECISION ALL ALONG...?
No...
I JUST...

WANTED YOU TO BE HAPPY!
THAT'S ALL!
I WISH YOU ALL THE HAPPINESS IN THE WORLD.
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU...
YOU'RE THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO ME!

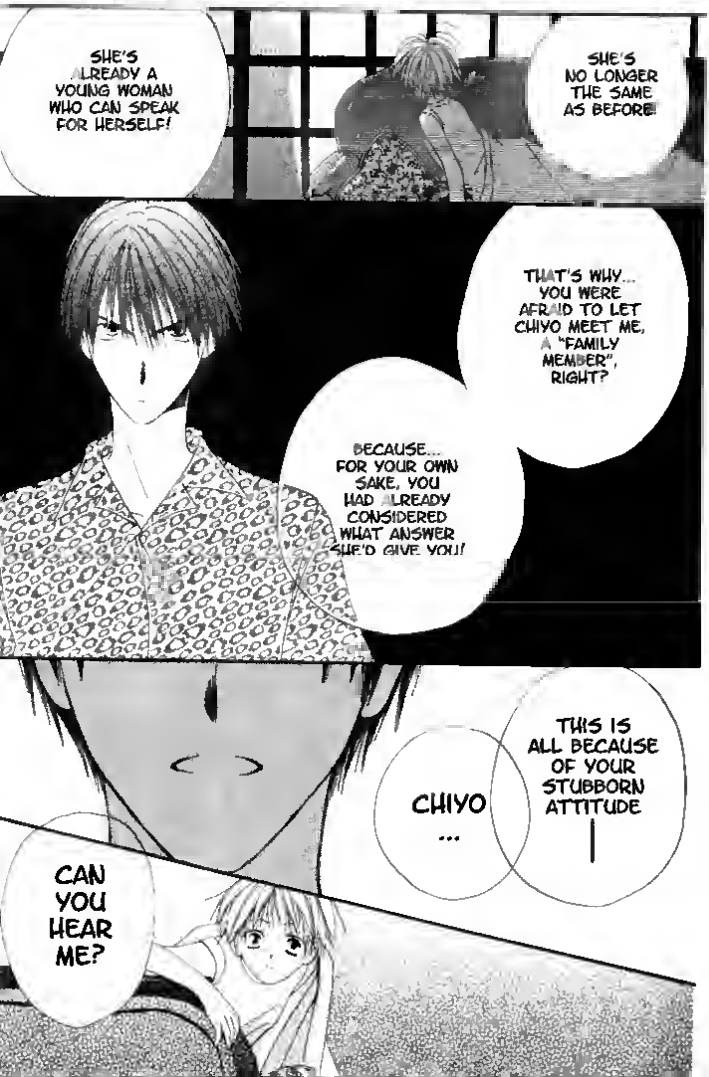
EVEN THOUGH I WANTED YOU TO LEAVE ME...
I...
EH
KOU-KUN.
KOU-KUN... WHY ARE TODAY'S TEMPURA STICKY?
WHO KNOWS!
WHERE'S CHIYO-CHAN?
JUST EAT!
YOU THINK THEY HAD A FIGHT?
Clatter! Bang! Clank!
~Washing dishes~

"...
KOUTARO!"
"I WON'T GIVE CHIYO TO YOU, SO LEAVE!"
splash
"ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BE SO STUBBORN ABOUT THIS?"

KOU-KUN...
すた すた すた
walk walk walk
peek
rattle
KOU-KUN?
WHERE ARE YOU..
CHIYO...
Why did he just leave his customers
CHIYO ...

CHIII-
YOOO!
I fell asleep
DID SOMEONE CALL ME?
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
WHERE ARE YOU...

KOUTARO
CHIYO CAME TO THE HOUSE OF HER OWN ACCORD!
Were you shocked into telling the truth?
IN HERE?
EH?
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
THAT'S CUTE BALDIE!


SHE'S ALREADY A YOUNG WOMAN WHO CAN SPEAK FOR HERSELF!
SHE'S NO LONGER THE SAME AS BEFORE!
THAT'S WHY... YOU WERE AFRAID TO LET CHIYO MEET ME, A "FAMILY MEMBER", RIGHT?
BECAUSE... FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, YOU HAD ALREADY CONSIDERED WHAT ANSWER SHE'D GIVE YOU!
CHIYO ...
THIS IS ALL BECAUSE OF YOUR STUBBORN ATTITUDE
CAN YOU HEAR ME?

I WANT US TO BE TOGETHER ...
THAT'S WHAT I'M STUBBORN ABOUT!
This is so embarrassing!
Ah
KOU-KUN...
SO... YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO SELFLESS FOR MY SAKE!
JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU REALLY WANT TO DO
I...
I...
FROM NOW ON

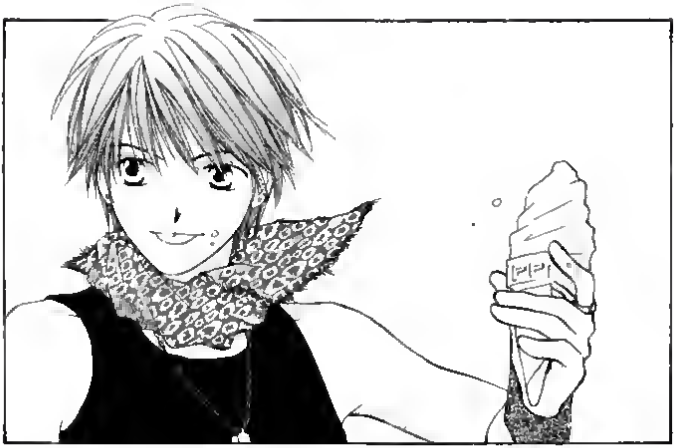
I WON'T BE BOTHERED BY PAINFUL OR HURTFUL MATTERS ...
I WANT TO SHARE EVERYTHING WITH YOU!
DON'T EVER CALL ME A PERVERT WHEN I TOUCH YOU FROM NOW ON!
EVEN IF IT'S SOMETHING HAPPY...
I WON'T!

.....
Kaufaro's footsteps!
Stomp Stomp Stomp!
Sorry
Ah! What're you doing!?
I'LL...
I'LL COME BY AND VISIT YOU OFTEN!
YOU'RE ABSOLUTE-LY RIGHT ..
SHE REALLY IS DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE...
KOU-KUN .. YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN NOW...
Let me put on my shoes..
This is embarassing!
NO WAY!

BY THE TIME I BECOME AN ADULT, YOU'LL ALREADY BE AN OLD MAN!
KOU-KUN... IS IT REALLY OKAY?
THIS IS YOUR PUNISHMENT FOR PUTTING ME THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE!
I DON'T NEED YOUR CONCERNS!
OW!
BESIDES, IT'S A KEY MOMENT IN HIS LIFE WHEN A GUY TURNS THIRTY!
WHETHER IT'S SOMETHING PAINFUL OR HURTFUL...
THEN ...
OR EVEN IF IT'S SOMETHING HAPPY, I WANT TO SHARE EVERYTHING WITH YOU!
Geez!

KOU-KUN... IF IT'S LIKE THIS...
IF YOU'RE STILL SINGLE WHEN YOU'RE THIRTY
IT'S FINE BY ME IF YOU TAKE ME AS YOUR WIFE!
WILL YOU ONE DAY... SHARE THESE FLUTTERING HEARTBEATS WITH ME?

DIAMOND 502.2 END



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